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(APCAC)--JAKARTA CONFERENCE

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TELEX (REFERRED TO IN REF B) WHICH  
APCAC VICE CHAIRMAN DAVID LYMAN SENT TO APCAC CHAIRMAN BEEBY  
SEPTEMBER 10, WITH COPIES MAILED TO ALL AMCHAM PRESIDENTS (SIC),  
ALL APCAC VICE CHAIRMEN, AND CHAIRMEN EUROMED AND ACCLA:  
BEGIN TEXT.

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WE HAVE TIME AND AGAIN ASKED DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO ASSIST US ON 911 AND TO GO TO BAT FOR US WITH CONGRESS AND OTHER EXEC. DEPARTMENTS ON THIS MATTER. TO DATE WE HAVE NOT HAD ANY RESPONSE FROM THEM NOR ARE WE AWARE OF ACTIONS THEY HAVE TAKEN, IF ANY, EVEN IF UNSUCCESSFUL. THEY JUST DON'T SEEM TO WANT TO HELP.

IN VIEW OF STATED APCAC POLICY THAT 911 IS AND HAS BEEN THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE THIS YEAR FACING ALL OVERSEAS AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN, IF STATE DEPARTMENT IS UNWILLING TO PRODUCE OR AT LEAST SHOW THEY HAVE TRIED TO PRODUCE FOR US (REMEMBERING IT DID NOT TAKE MUCH FOR THEM TO SAVE 912) THEN I RECOMMEND THAT AS A GESTURE OF OUR DISSATISFACTION AND DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE ONE PRIMARY U.S. GOVT BODY WHICH REPRESENTS OUR INTERESTS:

A. WE CANCEL ALL INVITATIONS TO STATE TO APCAC OCT. DJAKARTA MEETIN.

B. STRONGLY CONSIDER REGIONAL OR EVEN WORLDWIDE BOYCOTTING OF AMBASSADOR BRIEFINGS AND OTHER FORMAL FUNCTIONS WITH EMBASSIES UNTIL POSITIVE ACTIONS TAKEN.

C. JOINT APCAC, ACCLA, EUROMED LTRS TO SECS OF STATE, COMMERCE AND TREASURY PLUS PERHAPS U.S. REPS TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS AND EX-IM BANK TO GET THEM TO FIGHT WITH OR FOR US.

D. IMMEDIATE PRESS CAMPAIGN POINTING OUT ADVERSE EFFECTS OF SHORT SIGHTED CONGRESSIONAL ACTION.

E. SOLICIT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE.

WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT AND IF STATE CAN'T OR WON'T HELP US WHEN WE REALLY NEED THEM, THEN WHAT GOOD ARE THEY TO US? BEST REGARDS, DAVID LYMAN. END TEXT.

2. AT CHARGE'S REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING WITH LOCAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMCHAM BOARD OF GOVERNORS SEPT. 30, LYMAN READ ABOVE TEXT, AS WELL AS EXCERPTS FROM VARIOUS CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS RELATING TO APCAC'S EFFORTS TO HAVE SECTION 911 OF IRC RETAINED AND TO GAIN DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION. CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDED APCAC CHAIRMAN BEEBY'S APRIL 28 MAILGRAM TO DEPUTY SECRETARY ROBINSON, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BILLER'S REPLY TO BEEBY OF AUGUST 25, AND LYMAN'S SEPTEMBER 22 LETTER TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY

BILLER. OTHER MEMBERS OF CHAMBER BOARD MADE NO COMMENT ON LYMAN'S PROPOSALS, QUOTED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE, BUT MOST OR ALL WOULD NO DOUBT AGREE WITH LYMAN'S ASSERTION THAT STATE DEPARTMENT DID NOT GIVE SUPPORT IT HAD ALLEGEDLY PROMISED TO APCAC.

3. CHARGE NOTED THAT, ASSUMING GEBER IS STILL INVITED TO ATTEND JAKARTA OCTOBER MEETING, HE WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION THAN EMBASSY TO REPORT ON WHAT DEPARTMENT HAD DONE TO SUPPORT APCAC ON SECTION 911. LYMAN EXPECTED THAT INVITATION WAS STILL IN EFFECT, NOTING HOWEVER THAT SOME SESSIONS OF MEETING WOULD BE CLOSED TO NON-APCAC MEMBERS TO DISCUSS INTERNAL MATTERS. LYMAN AND AMCHAM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WERE ALSO ASKED WHAT APCAC HAD DONE TO GENERATE SUPPORT FROM OTHER ELEMENTS OF USG SUCH AS COMMERCE. RESPONSE WAS THAT THEY HAD COUNTED PRIMARILY ON STATE TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS. LYMAN DID OBSERVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE "MULTI-NAIONALS" HAD NOT FURNISHED THE SUPPORT THE FOREIGN TRADERS EXPECTED AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY HAD PROBABLY SACRIFICED 911 IN EXCHANGE FOR OTHER BENEFITS IN THE NEW LEGISLATION.

4. COMMENT. LYMAN'S EXPOSITION SEEMED DESIGNED TO CONVINCE OTHER AMCHAM GOVERNORS THAT HE, IN HIS CAPACITY AS APCAC VICE CHAIRMAN WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOLLOWING THE FORTUNES OF 911, HAD DONE EVERYTHING HE COULD TO INSURE ITS RETENTION.  
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